

MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1972 VOL I NO. 1

A STORY OF INTRODUCTION

BY THOMAS B. HUDSON

I GOT INTERESTED IN NUMISMATICS IN 1957 WHEN I READ AN ADVERTISEMENT "SEND A DOLLAR AND YOU MAY MAKE \$47.00" SO I SENT FOR THE BOOK. ALL I HAD TO DO WAS PUT THE RIGHT PENNYS IN IT. THAT GOT ME STARTED AND BY 1960 I HAD QUITE A COLLECTION WHICH STOOD ME IN GOOD STEAD UNTILL LATER ON WHEN I LITTERALLY ATE THE COLLECTION.

I COLLECTED MEDALS AND IN 1959 I BECAME INTERESTED IN WOODEN MONEY. I GUESS IT WAS THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION ON THEM THAT REALLY GRABBED MY INTEREST. I BOUGHT ALL I COULD AND WITH THE HELP OF EMIL DIBELLA, TOM DOMHOFF AND CARROL SWEARENGEN I HAD ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED PIECES BY 1962 WHEN POVERTY CAUGHT UP WITH ME AND I COLLECTED NOTHING.

1964 WAS THE YEAR THAT IOWMC GOT ME BACK IN THE HOBBY BUSINESS, AND THROUGH A FEW OLDER COLLECTORS I REALLY BUILT UP MY COLLECTION. IN 1965 I BOUGHT THE RIGHTS TO EMIL DIBELLA'S BOOK "A GUIDE BOOK TO WOODEN MONEY." THROUGH THE MONETARY EFFORTS OF FRIENDS THE BOOK CAME OUT IN 1966, FOUR THOUSAND WERE PRINTED, OVER HALF ARE STILL IN THE BOXES THEY CAME IN.

THE FIRST YEARS OF COLLECTING WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE BUT SINCE 1968 I HAVE NOT ADDED ONE-HUNDRED PIECES IN THE 1934 - 1964 YEARS, WHEN YOU HAVE OVER FIVE THOUSAND PIECES IT IS HARD TO INCREASE YOUR COLLECTION EXCEPT FOR THE CURRANT ISSUES. I AM NOW ON THE GOVERNMENT DOLE LIST AND I DO NOT HAVE MUCH MONEY BUT ALL KINDS OF TIME SO I AM NOW COLLECTING ELONGATED COINS TO HAVE ANOTHER HOBBY. ALL LETTERS ON ELONGATED COINS WILL BE ANSWERED. I HAVE A FEW PIECES OF WOODEN MONEY TO TRADE, OR WILL BUY WHAT I CAN IN THE CELEBRATION TYPE OF ELONGATED COINS.

TOM HUDSON, 1806 ROGERS STREET, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90905

"I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING!"

BY DAVID J. SINGER

BEFORE I WAS 10 YEARS OLD I MADE MY FIRST ROLLED OUT COIN. A STEEL WHEEL WAS ALLOWED TO ROLL OVER MY VALUABLE PENNY - THEN WHEN I PICKED UP THE ELONGATE, IT WAS HOT! AFTER ALL, THE WHEELS OF THAT CHICAGO STREETCAR GOING OVER THAT PENNY REALLY STREACHED IT. I DID NOT KNOW THAT I HAD CREATED AN ELONGATE.

ELEVEN YEARS LATTER, I GOT A JOB AT THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR, THE SUMMER OF 1933, ROLLING OUT SOUVENIRS ON THE CUSTOMERS PENNIES. THE WORD ELONGATE WAS NEVER USED.

THERE WERE NO COLLECTORS CLUBS. MY BOSSES AND I WERE POSSIBLY THE FIRST COLLECTORS. HAD I KNOWN THAT YEARS LATER THERE WOULD BE COLLECTORS CLUBS AND A BOOK ON ELONGATES, I WOULD HAVE HAD THE PERFECT COLLECTION. HAD I KNOWN OF ORGANIZED COLLECTORS I WOULD NEVER HAVE SOLD MY COLLECTION - BUT THAT IS A SEPARATE STORY.

I AM A MEMBER OF TEC AND THE CALIFORNIA COLLECTORS OF ELONGATEDS. ALSO, I WORKED ON ELONGATES AT THE 1934 CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR AND IN THE WINTER OF 1934 I ROLLED OUT SOME MIAMI BEACH SOUVENIRS.

AN INSPIRATION COME TRUE

BY RUDOLPH SKARITKA

As a coin collector for many years and a subscriber to several coin publications I noticed a great interest in elongated coin collecting. At various coin shows and bourses that I attended I also noticed that many people were selling elongateds. It aroused my curiosity and I purchased a few. The price was very reasonable and after a few more purchases I decided to accumulate a collection. For weeks I bought all the different designs I could. By looking at them I wanted to know more about them. I wanted to know how they were made so I asked many dealers and individuals if there were any 'maker' of these coins in this area. I was directed to Mr. Ralph Jobe who I promptly called and he was very cooperative and gave me valuable information including Mr. R. W. Luchtman's address who manufactures 'ROLLING MACHINES'.

After several discussions, Betty and I decided to pool our money, form a partnership and buy a machine then we could become Rollers of Elongated Coins. In November of

1969 we sent for information on the purchase of a machine. We promptly received assurance from Mr. Luchtman on fast delivery so an order was placed which included our first two designs, 'CHICAGO'S CHANGING SKYLINE' and 'AMATEUR RADIO' (E-1 & E-2).

Prior to the machine's arrival we had a lot of things to do so when the machine did arrive there would be no delay in producing our first elongated coins. We knew that a local post office box number would be the best thing for the 'VOLUME' of mail we would receive so we applied for a box at the Stockyards Post Office. We were very disappointed when we were told that there were none available at that time. We placed the application in hopes that we would get a box in a short time. We also applied for a box at the Main Post Office and then waited. After a few weeks we received notification that a box was available at the Stockyards, our number was Box 09020.

At last the machine arrived in good shape, we assembled it the next day following the instructions and hurriedly rolled our 'FIRST' Elongated cent, off center, but it looked good to us.

In selling, trading and buying elongated coins, a constant flow of advertising has to be put in the coin publications that will bring in the most active people. We therefore advertised our first two issues for a period of 8 weeks, the response was overwhelming. It gave us enough encouragement to get 'TWO' more engravings as soon as possible. We sent Mr. Luchtman the shaft, which contained our first two engravings and the art work for E-3 & E-4, this was in March 1970.

While waiting for the 'SHAFT' we were notified that a box was available at the Main Post Office, which is open 24 hours a day. The Stockyard Station closes at 5 P M daily and at times it is difficult to get their so we took the box at the Main Post Office which is Box 5723. We were still waiting for the return of the shaft from Mr. Luchtman. This was a nervous period for Betty and I. In April (the first week) we were notified that the shaft had been mailed to us via Parcel Post Insured with the new engravings on it, now we would have four elongateds. We figured that it would take about 12 days for our package to arrive, we inquired at the post office on the 19th, no package. We waited 7 more days and asked again, still no package. We were really getting shook up. On the 26th we decided to file a claim. The postmaster was very cooperative and decided to give one last look around. He was gone for a long time, when he returned he had a package in his hands. It was broken up and the wrapper on the outside was torn away and only the return address was left showing only 'R. W. LUCHT'. The postmaster asked us what was on the inside of the package and who it was coming from. We gave him the information and he had us sign some forms then gave us the package. We had already put our ad in the coin publications announcing our Mt. Rushmore E-3 & Weather Centennial F-4. Since that time we have designed and rolled to this writing, 77 different issues making a total of 81 elongateds.

FOUR HISTORICAL HOUSES

BY CHESTER M. ROGERS
INTRO. BY B. N. LEVY

Mr. Rogers, who has been a regular coin collector for twenty years, has recently joined the ranks as an elongated coin collector and roller. For his first issues Chester has chosen four historical houses in Beverly, Mass. dating as far back as 1636. Chester describes them as follows:

THE BALCH HOUSE 1636 -- is located at 448 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass. Built during 1636 by John Balch, who came from Somerset County, England with Captain Gorges in 1623. He was one of the five Old Planters who received a grant of one thousand acres at the head of Bass River. The HOUSE is the oldest in New England, of which there is written record. It has been enlarged, but the original structure may be seen at the Northeast corner of the building, and the successive stages of alteration are indicated in the attic. It is open to the public every day.

STANLEY HOUSE - 1700 - Located at 122 Standley Street, Beverly, Mass. Built on land conveyed to George Standley in 1671; the charm and atmosphere of colonial times has been retained.

YE OLD MEETING HOUSE - 1682 - From an old drawing of this original House; Not standing today.

WOODBERRY TAVERN - 1690 -- Located on Hale Street, Beverly, Mass. has not lost it's Historical Charm.

The above elongateds may be purchased on Cents @ .50¢ each, Nickels @ .75¢ each and dimes @ \$1.00 each; from Chester N. Rogers, P. O. Box 300, Beverly, Mass. 01915.

"MAY 27, 1933"

BY FURTON NEAL LEVY

Where ^{newspaper} you Saturday, May 27, 1933? I, for one did not exist, but that day is not strange to me nor should it be for any elongated collector.

Yes, it was the opening day of the Chicago World's Fair. How exciting and thrilling that day must have been. I surely can appreciate the memories of those of you who recall the many wonders at the fair.

The World's Fair of 1933 is now history and as all history, books were written for people to be knowledgeable of the past. So why don't you take advantage of the books which are available at your local library?

For those of you who live in the Chicago area, the downtown branch has the best selection. Just ask for the history section. Unfortunately all the books on the fair are reference books which means they cannot be taken from the premises. So if you have a couple of hours to spend it will be to your advantage. Happy Reading.

"THEME COLLECTING"

BY "JACK THE MAILMAN" MEC #21

Forming special collections with elongateds is fun. I enjoy "Ships", "Christmas", "Animals" and my favorite "POSTAL". The last is proving to be most challenging and although it is growing slowly, it is growing. To date I have:

1. D. Dow's 50th Anniversary U. S. Airmail Service elongated cent-dime and first day cover.
2. Elmer Anderson's "Mr. Zip" (EA-3) and 50th Anniversary U. S. Airmail (EA-4).
3. Jack Neccariello's "Zip Code for Pine Plains, N. Y." (Mr. Zip).
4. "Pony Express Beam Bottle" by Danny Crabb.

WANTED: Cal., si#5-Post Office Bldg. Will buy or trade! Any one knowing of any other Elongateds relative to the Post Office, Please let me know. All letters will be appreciated and answered. I may be reached at work.

Write to: John H. Wilcox
Letter Carrier Rt. #103
North Brunswick, N. J.
08902

ADAMS ANNOUNCES ELONGATED SERIES

A new elongated coin series has been conceived by Don Adams Companies of Chauvin, La., and is being offered to collectors on a subscription basis.

The series will feature elongateds on which appear both the obverse and the reverse designs of all U. S. Coin types. The elongated miniatures will be made from an appropriate metal or copper U. S. coin, and the coins will be distributed at the rate of two issues per month over an 18-month period.

The issues will be limited to 2,000 sets, and the cost of each monthly set of two issues is \$2, with a limit of one set for each customer.

Reservations, together with remittances of \$2 for the first months issues, should be addressed to: Don Adams Companies, P. O. Box 173, Chauvin, La. 70344. Subscribers will receive a FREE folder to hold the complete set of 36 elongateds in the near future.

WHO IS LILIAN ANDERSON?

WHO IS LILIAN ANDERSON? The first five persons who answer this question correctly will receive my elongated store card FREE. Send your answer to:

Burton Neal Levy
Box 3082,
Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois 60654

CONGRATULATIONS

Ian J. Levy born January 26, 1972 at 8:10 AM weighing 10lbs. 4oz. The proud parents are Lynne and Burton Levy. We wish much happiness for the three of you through the coming years.

MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS

FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING

THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8 O'CLOCK ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 11, 1972 AT THE ARCHER NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS BY RUDOLPH SKARITKA.

BURTON LEVY GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PURPOSE OF OUR CLUB AND FOLLOWED WITH A LETTER FROM MR. A. A. ROSATO WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING. MR. ROSATO WISHED THE CLUB MUCH SUCCESS.

IT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT THAT WILLIAM J. LANGAN, CHARTER MEMBER #19, HAD PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 30, 1971. A LETTER FROM MR. LANGAN'S DAUGHTER WAS RECEIVED BY MR. LEVY TO INFORM HIM AND THE MEMBERS OF MEC OF THE DEATH OF HER FATHER. A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE BE SENT TO THE FAMILY. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED THAT MR. LEVY WOULD WRITE THE LETTER AND SHOULD INQUIRE ABOUT TRANSFERRING MR. LANGAN'S MEMBERSHIP TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY WHO SHOWES INTEREST IN COLLECTING ELONGATED COINS. IF THERE IS NO ONE WISHING TO FILL THE MEMBERSHIP THEN IT SHOULD BE SUGGESTED THAT A DONATION MADE TO A CHARITY OF THE FAMILIES CHOICE IN MR. LANGAN'S NAME. MR. LANGAN WILL REMAIN ON THE RECORDS OF MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS AS CHARTER MEMBER #19.

MR. SKARITKA SPOKE TO THE MEMBERS REGARDING THE MEC ELONGATED CENT. WHEN THE CLUB, MIDWEST ELONGATED COLLECTORS WAS FORMED IT'S FOUNDERS DECIDED TO ISSUE THE ELONGATED CENT TO PROMOTE MEC. WHEN THE COST OF THE DIE IS PAID, CEE CEVEN ELONGATES WHO IS THE DESIGNER AND ROLLER WILL DONATE THE DIE TO MEC FOR IT'S OWN USE. THE ELONGATEDS WHICH SELL FOR 50¢ EACH MAY BE PURCHASED THROUGH MR. LEVY WHO KEEPS A SEPARATE RECORD OF THE SALES. RUDY & BETTY (CEE CEVEN ELONGATES) HAVE ROLLED A MEC ELONGATE ON SILVER DIMES FOR THE CHARTER MEMBERS. THEY WILL BE MAILED TO THE MEMBER ALONG WITH THE MEMBERSHIP CARD.

EACH MEMBER PRESENT GAVE A BRIEF RESUME OF HOW THEY BEGAN COLLECTING ELONGATEDS. THIS PROVED TO BE VERY INTERESTING AND ALSO ENTERTAINING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DAVID J. SINGER THAT NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1972 BE OPENED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BETTY HANEY AND PASSED BY ALL MEMBERS. MR. SINGER'S MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS: " ALL OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE NOMINATED AT THIS MEETING AND THAT BALLOTS BE SENT OUT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER, AND THAT IT BE KNOWN THAT WRITE-IN CANDIDATES MAY RUN IN THE ELECTION ".

NOMINATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>NOMINATED BY</u>	<u>SECONDED BY</u>
PRESIDENT	RUDOLPH SKARITKA	BURTON LEVY	CHARLES MUELLER
VICE-PRESIDENT	HENRY BLAHA	RUDOLPH SKARITKA	BETTY KIRBY
SECRETARY	BETTY KIRBY	HENRY BLAHA	CHARLES MUELLER
TREASURER	BURTON LEVY	BETTY KIRBY	RUDOLPH SKARITKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	MILTON HEITMAN	HENRY BLAHA	CHARLES MUELLER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	DAVID J. SINGER	JAMES HICKS	RUDOLPH SKARITKA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	JAMES E. HICKS	RUDOLPH SKARITKA	MILTON HEITMAN

MISS. HANEY AND MRS. GARRETT VOLUNTEERED TO RECEIVE AND COUNT THE ELECTION BALLOTS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SINGER THAT ALL BALLOTS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF MISS. HANEY AND MRS. GARRETT NO LATER THAN MARCH 25, 1972 AT WHICH TIME ALL BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED AND ELECTIVE OFFICERS WILL BE NOTIFIED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BLAHA AND PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

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BURTON LEVY GAVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

RECEIPTS *	*	*	*	*	*	*	40 MEMBERS HAVE PAID \$3.00 DUES FOR 1972 = \$120.00
DISBURSEMENTS *	*	*	*	*	*	*	STATE OF ILLINOIS CHARTER FILE * * * * * 25.00
							COUNTY RECORDERS FEE * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * 7.10
							POSTAGE AND SUPPLIES * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * 7.10
							MEETING PLACE RENTAL * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * <u>10.00</u>
							BALANCE \$ 70.80

RECEIPTS *	*	*	*	*	*	*	MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR MARGARET ANN CARAY 3.00
PAID BY CHARLES MUELLER AT THE MEETING.							BALANCE <u>\$ 73.80</u>

MRS. GARRETT MADE A MOTION THAT THE TREASURES REPORT BE APPROVED AS READ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. SINGER.

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FREE ELONGATEDS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBERS PRESENT. THE ELONGATEDS WERE PROVIDED BY:

JACK AND PEG WILCOX *
BURTON NEAL LEVY
A. A. ROSATO
DOTTIE DOW
CEE CEVEN ELONGATES

* JACK AND PEG WILCOX HAVE INSTRUCTED CEE CEVEN ELONGATES TO ROLL ENOUGH ELONGATEDS SO THAT EACH MEMBER WOULD RECEIVE ONE OF THEIR CHRISTMAS ELONGATEDS. MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING WILL RECEIVE THE ELONGATED WITH THE NEWSLETTER.

DOOR PRIZES WERE DONATED BY:

DOTTIE DOW
CHARLES MUELLER
HENRY BLAHA

HENRY BLAHA MADE A MOTION THAT THE MEETING BE AJOURNED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. GARRETT AT 10:30 P. M.

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ATTENDENCE AT MEETING

MEMBERS:

RUDOLPH SKARITKA	HENRY BLAHA
BETTY KIRBY	MIRIAM GARRETT
BURTON NEAL LEVY	BETTY HANEY
CHARLES MUELLER	JAMES E. HICKS
DAVID J. SINGER	MILTON G. HEITMAN

GUEST: MRS. LA VONNE HEITMAN